

A

REVIEW

OF THE

STATE

OF THE

BRITISH NATION.

Thursday, June 1. 1710.

I Broke off the Subject of *Constitution-Rights* in a former, to speak to a needful, tho' meaner *Affair*, relating to Trade—— I mean that of the Bakers.

But the main thing now on the Stage of publick Debate, is of too much Consequence to be laid down: I have (*If I may be fudge*) stated the wretched Pretences, and vile Absurdity, of the present Clamouring Party, advancing the Chimera of *Hereditary Rights*, as THE Title, by which her Majesty came to the Crown; I have declar'd my self on this Head with freedom, and without fear of the Frowns, or Faces of any Man—— And I Thank God, in *this Cause*, I know not how to be afraid; an *English-Man* that

has his Senses, cannot be afraid to declare what the Law justifies, and determines.

I am told of, and very much threatned with *Presentments* and *Prosecutions*, which they say are preparing against this Paper, and its so much *bas'd Author*—— Indeed I know not how soon Power may oppress Law, and Justice be taken Captive by the Party, and so Freedom of Speech may be taken away, with our other Liberties—— And therefore 'tis a Time to speak, while Truth has the Protection of a just Government, and while the Laws retain their due Sovereignty—— I am far from prompting Prosecutions, or despising Courts of Justice; but Party-Prosecutions

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I cannot show any respect to. And *what is it* makes the Party so diligent, to find occasion against this Author, and if possible to stop his Mouth? The Thing is very plain; *Come, Gentlemen*, if you dare hold your Face to your new Doctrine—— Proceed legally—— And BEGIN when you please, *behold*, I give you a fair Challenge—— And again, repeat the Crime, that you may not want Room to build upon—— If what I am going to say, which is the Sum of what I have already said, is *against Law*—— Or if *my speaking it*, is against any Legal Restraint—— if the Laws do not say the same Thing, or do any where *forbid me* to say it—— Present this Paper for a Nuisance, and Indict the Author, and let him be punish'd at your Pleasure; but if otherwise, PRESENT THE LAWS, declare them, as indeed they are, YOUR NUISANCE, and Indict the Parliament, for They are the Speakers in this Paper, and not I.

The Maxims I Advance, and which I offer to vindicate *by the Laws*, and by *proof of Fact*, are as follow: And for these Truths I am ready to be Sacrificed *when you please*—— Or when packt Juries can bring it to pass.

1. To assert, *as in the Sermons, Addresses, and Pamphlets of the High Party is asserted*, That her Majesty's Right to the Crown of these Kingdoms, is Hereditary, and not by Parliamentary Limitation—— Is ILLEGAL, a Reproach upon her Majesty, an Affront to the Constitution, a Bullying the Parliament, a Treasonable Conspiracy against her Majesty's Crown and Dignity, and a Wicked Villanous Attempt upon her Majesty's Person, in order to expose her as an Usurper, and an Invader of the Right of her own Father—— It being evident, that upon the Demise of the late King William of Glorious Memory, her Majesty had been declared Queen by Virtue of the same Parliamentary Settlement; 1 Gulielm. & Mariz, cap. 36. *tho' her Royal Father, the late King James, had been then alive*—— Let the

Party present this at the *Old Bath*, at their Peril.

2. To assert the utter Illegality of Resistance of the Sovereign, on any pretence whatsoever, is a Treasonable Conspiracy against the Fundamental Being of the present happy Establishment, in which the Parliament of England, the Church of England, the present Queen, and God himself, most happily concurr'd; OWNED the Principle of Resistance, *Justified* it by Practice, and Blessed it with Success; by which happy Resistance, Popery and Tyranny were effectually Deposed, their growing Power Overthrown, their Abettors and Instruments, Scattered and Abilitated; and this Nation happily restored, to the blessed Establishment of the Revolution—— By which Resistance, Her present Majesty Reigns: The Parliaments of England and Scotland, and now of Britain, made a Claim of their Rights, and enjoy them to this Day; by which Resistance, and concurring with which, the Church of England is restored to a safe and flourishing Condition; and is in danger only from those False Brethren, who would bring her to espouse that very Principle, the disowning which has been her Preservation—— And would cause her to drink that Poison, which should make her vomit up all her Temporal Privileges and Security.
3. To deny, That the Dissenters in England are Established by a Legal Toleration—— Is to deny what the Parliament and the Queen have Declar'd and Recogniz'd—— What has in her Majesty's Speeches from the Throne, and in several Acts of Parliament, been called a Toleration, and in the very Act itself, is called a Permission and Allowance—— And is a meer Quibbling upon a Word, in order Maliciously to defeat the true Intent and Meaning of the Parliament—— And to introduce the *old High-Church Practice*, of Plunder and Persecution.
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4. That to endeavour to *lessen* or *overthrow* the said Toleration, is a Treacherous Contrivance against the Liberties and Properties of the *Dissenters*, and against their CAPITULATED RIGHT to the said Toleration, included in the Memorial to the Prince of Orange; and on the Conditions whereof, the *Dissenters* join'd in Inviting over the Prince of Orange, and in all the subsequent Parts of the Revolution—*Besides all which*, it is a vile and abominable Suggestion against her Majesty, as capable of Breaking her Royal Word given to the Nation, to preserve the said Toleration INVIO-
LABLY.

5. To Assert, That Non-Resistance has been the Practice of the Church of England—Is to LYE against the Truth, to Contradict Matter of Fact—And is *Confronted* by the Memorial of the English Clergy, in Conjunction with the Nobility and Gentry, *Inviting over* the Prince of Orange, the late Immortal King William, to Assist them, in RESISTING the Popish Invasions of their Anointed King—In the Clergy of the Church swearing Allegiance to the same King, while their *Resisted Monarch* was alive, and in paying Taxes towards *Resisting* and *making a War*, against their said Anointed King, while he was actually in his own Dominions, fighting against that very RESISTANCE.

6. All those Persons, whether of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Magistracy, or whatsoever Rank or Degree they bear in this Nation, who having sworn Allegiance, &c. to her present Majesty; and taken the Abjuration, with the other Oaths mention'd in the several Acts of Parliament, for Security of the Person and Government of the Queen, and Extinguishing the hopes of the Pretender, &c. and yet have join'd in, and defended the said Treasons and Assertions; are as far as they have so Acted, join'd in, and Defended—

Making Secret War against the Constitution; and as far as in them lies, Overthrowing the Establishment, Deposing and Exposing her Majesty; and are Intentionally Traitors to the present Government, Enemies to the Protestant Religion, Betrayers of their Country, Underminers of the Church of England, and Encouragers of the Pretender.

If I have Printed the Names of these Men with Abbreviations, Dashes, or Initial Letters: If I have Couched their Characters under Allegories, Similies, Allusions, &c. it is owing to the Preservation due to the innocent Printers, Publishers and Dispersers of this Paper, who may be perplex'd with vexatious Suits, and frivolous Presentments; and may be put to needless and oppressive Expences by the Iniquity of the Times, giving a litigious Party too much Advantage to oppress Men without Crimes.

But if the Gentlemen I mean, think themselves aggrieved by me, let them come fairly to the Bar of Justice, and put it to the Issue, Whether any of the Maxims I have laid down as before, ARE or ARE NOT LAW and TRUTH, supported by the Constitution, and standing on the same Foundation with all our Liberties—I will then impeach them to their Teeth, and stand by it—That they are guilty of Treason against the English Government; Guilty of Insulting and Affronting the Parliament; Guilty of Assisting the Pretender, Her Majesty's ABHORR'D RIVAL, and the most contemptible Disturber of the publick Tranquility.

I'll appear to their Faces, and tell them BY NAME, they are breaking their Oaths, Fighting for the Interest they have Abjur'd, Abjuring that Resistance they have Practised,—and being Gorg'd with Liberty, are Betraying their native Country and Posterity, into the most vile and abominable Slavery.

To Present the Review for Dashes and dark Expressions, which must come to a meer Trial of Innuendoes! This is trifling, and

and is a Lightning without Thunder, a Flash without a Bullet, a meer *Brutum Fulmen*—that may scare those that do not understand it, or have not been us'd to it— But if you will come to the Touch, *here is Matter to Indict and Prosecute upon*— Begin thus, Gentlemen, when you Please; and if you will but come to the Tryal, whether the Fact be Treason, or no, You shall not want the Names of the Traytor: I'll tell you at length, who I mean by A's— and B's—and C's great Horses, Princes, &c. For Truth fears no Faces— And till you will do this—The Review, I doubt, will continue to be *your Nuisance*; tho' ten Thousand Presentments were to be made against it.

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